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United Nations Climate Change Conference

Glasgow, Scotland
31st October – 12th November, 2021

26th session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP)
16th session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP)
5th session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement (CMA)

The COP, CMP and CMA are the decision-making bodies in relation to the implementation of the Convention, the Kyoto Protocol, and the Paris Agreement, respectively.

Overview of the meeting venue

The conference venue comprises of the OVO, Hydro, the SEC Armadillo and the SEC Centre and other temporary structures, which will all be connected by enclosed walkways.

The SEC Centre is Scotland's largest exhibition centre and will form the body of the COP26 venue 'blue zone'. The 'green zone' for the public with parallel activities and NGO exhibitions will be located in the Glasgow Science Centre across the River Clyde.

One of the temporary structures at the SEC contains the Media Centre including an International Broadcast Centre (IBC) in which facilities to meet the needs of Television and Radio Broadcasters and Press News Agencies are provided.

Orientation

Plenary 1, Cairn Gorm and Plenary 2, Pen y Fan, are located at the crossroads of the Atrium area, in close proximity to the Media Centre.

Press Conference Room 1, Giant's Causeway, is also in close proximity to the Media Centre. Best found by following signage

Press Conference Room 2, Durdle Door is off the main Causeway of the SEC. Follow signs adjacent to the rolling staircase opposite Hall 5 & the Deli Bakery.

The Action Hub is located in the middle of the OVO Hydro near the Main Entrance.

Get the overview in the [Venue Map](#).

High-Level Segment - Media Arrangements

General rules for both accredited media and country press corps support

Visual media are permitted to film, record interviews and take photos in all public areas of the conference venue unless otherwise restricted for security reasons. Generally, all open meetings of the Conference are accessible to the print media, subject to the availability of space.

No access will be granted to any media representatives to enter closed meetings of the Conference or office areas.

Please abide by the instructions given by the UN Communication Team at all times.

High-Level Segment Opening

15:00hrs Tuesday 9th November 2021

On Tuesday 9th November, between 15:00-16:00hrs, the High-Level Segment will be formally opened in Plenary 1 Cairn Gorm. Details of the opening session will be available on the conference website <https://unfccc.int/cop26/daily-programme> under the daily agenda item for the Tuesday 9th November, 2021

TV/Photo opportunity:

Prior to the opening, a limited pool of 20 (total) television crews and still photographers will have the opportunity to capture establishing shots inside Plenary 1 Cairn Gorm from a stanchioned area at the front of the Plenary.

They will then briefly be given the opportunity to capture those on the podium prior to the start of the meeting.

Television crews will be required to leave the Plenary Hall when asked to do so. Still photographers may remain to take pictures of the speakers on a one-by-one basis, under guidance. At the end of the Opening Ceremony all those in the pool must leave the Plenary.

Press Opportunity

A limited number of seats (10) will be available in Plenary 1 for the opening ceremony for print media and text news agencies. These seats will be located at the rear of the Plenary Hall.

Applications for Inclusion in Pools.

Those interested in being included in the above TV/photo pool or Press opportunity must submit their names by email, to the IBC Manager, Tim Davis davis.tim52@gmail.com or visit the IBC Manager's Office in the Media Centre. The deadline is by 5pm Monday 8th November, 2021

Selection will be by the COP26 Communications team and the list of successful applicants will be posted on the notice board outside the IBC Manager's office from 18:30hrs on Monday 8th November, 2021.

Those in the pool need to be at the Media Meeting Point at 14:45hrs on Tuesday 9th November, 2021. Supplementary badges will be required which will be distributed from the Media Meeting Point.

Media Meeting Point

The Media Meeting Point will be located adjacent to the Stand-Up positions in the Atrium outside the Plenary Halls.

Pool Signals

Television and radio broadcasters will receive the 'live' Opening of the High-Level Segment provided by the host broadcaster, which will be pooled to all workstations and cubicles in the International Broadcast Centre (IBC). The format of the pool feed is HD PAL16:9 delivered through SDI connections with embedded audio. For Radio Broadcasters, the feed will be delivered through XLR connections.

Correspondents who cannot be accommodated in the Plenary will be able to follow the proceedings on the IPTV monitors throughout the Conference venue and in the Writing Press Area.

Continuation of High-Level Segment

The high-level segment of the conference will continue with national statements made by Heads of State or Government Ministers and Heads of Delegations. These will continue until Wednesday 10th November 2021. For the list of speakers please visit:

https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/COP26_List_of_speakers_resumed_HLS.pdf

Texts of statements made will be published as they become available from delegations on the website <https://unfccc.int/documents> and follow the links.

PLEASE NOTE: Generally, television crews and still photographers will not be permitted to cover statements made during the high-level segment from inside Plenary 1, Cairn Gorm or Plenary 2, Pen y Fan. However, there will be one-on-one opportunities for TV/Photo Media, National TV crews and photographers, including those accompanying their respective Delegations to cover the statements.

Arrangements for escorted access to the Plenaries can be made at the Media Meeting Point (located in the Atrium adjacent to the Stand-Up positions) or with the IBC Manager, at his office in the International Broadcast Centre (IBC).

Full 'live' coverage of the statements made during the high-level segment will be available through the host broadcaster's pool feed which is distributed to workspaces in the IBC. Recordings of the Host Broadcasters pool feed can also be made available from the Host Broadcaster's server or at the Media Library Help desk in the IBC.

Press Conferences by Ministers and Heads of Delegations

It is expected that a number of Ministers and Heads of Delegations may wish to give press conferences during the High-level Segment of COP26/CMP16/CMA5. Press conferences will be scheduled in Press Conference Room 1, Giants Causeway.

PLEASE NOTE: The delegations giving the press conference may decide to invite only national media of their country to attend their briefing. Please check the programme monitors for relevant announcements.

Media Coordination and Support

The UNFCCC Media Team offices and the offices of the Host Country Media Team are contactable as follows:

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